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In re Application of : Barkan Elad ET AL
Application No. : 10/046,745
For : CA in a Card
Examiner : Venkatanarayanan Perungavoor
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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Mr. Perungavoor:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2005, please amend Claim 1 Part E in order to overcome 35 USC 112, as cited by the Examiner:

New Claim 1 Part E:

Issuing of a digital document signed by the known authority, wherein the document is prepared according to the document issuing method that was programmed into the device in step A.

The Examiner Rejected Claims 1-11 and 13 according to 35 USC 102.

All these claims were rejected as they were anticipated by JP2001-088478 (Toshiba).

The Examiner is kindly requested to check the filing date of Toshiba, which is: **September 21, 1999**, while the priority date of this application is: **July 7, 1999**.

Therefore 35USC 102 should not mount a barrier to this patent application.

Therefore, all references to Toshiba should be ignored.

Claim 12 which is allowable under the conditions set forth by the Examiner, should be therefore allowed without further conditions.

Summary: According to the above, this patent application should be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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